

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 871

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize James R. Barth for his meritorious service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, James R. Barth is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for more than forty years in various capacities at Bryan College; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his many decades of sterling service to the students, faculty, and administration of Bryan College, Mr. Barth is being named a "Lifetime Ambassador for Bryan College"; and

WHEREAS, he began his extensive relationship with the college as a student in 1953, graduating in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Mr. Barth joined the family agriculture business in Ohio and, eight years after his college graduation, accepted a position on the Bryan College Board of Trustees, in which position he served from 1964 to 1986; he also served as chairman of the student affairs committee; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, James Barth sold the family business and moved to the great State of Tennessee, where he made a home for himself and served his community as a member of the school board, an elder in his church, and a co-chair of the Mahoning County "I Found It" Crusade, part of the nationwide Campus Crusade campaign; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Mr. Barth became the vice president of administration at Bryan College; and

WHEREAS, over the next twenty-four years, he served as director of buildings, grounds, and services, during which time he developed BryanNet, the first campus-wide computer network; director of major donors; and director of planned giving; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional affiliation with this institution, he has seen twenty-six members of his immediate and extended family attend Bryan College; and

WHEREAS, throughout his fifty-six-year relationship with the college, as both trustee and employee, Mr. Barth has served under five of the college's seven presidents; and

WHEREAS, a loyal veteran of the United States Army 101st Airborne, with which he served as assistant to the chaplain at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, he has always understood and appreciated the importance of public service and has continually served his Dayton neighbors as a member of the Dayton Rotary Club, an elder at Grace Bible Church, chairman of the Business Development Committee of MainStreet Dayton, and a member of the Rhea County Bicentennial Committee; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, James Barth is always appreciative of the love and support of his wife, Judy, recently named 2011 Ms. Tennessee Senior America; and

WHEREAS, in addition to raising five wonderful children together, Mr. and Mrs. Barth have operated a home-based health and nutrition business for the past thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, James Barth has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend James R. Barth upon being named a Lifetime Ambassador for Bryan College, thank him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for happiness and success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.